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RP formally establishes ties with Barbados

By Cynthia D. Balana

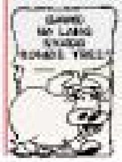
MANILA HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC relations with Barbados, the Caribbean island state that came under media glare this week in connection with the first computerized presidential election in the Philippines.

But where in the world exactly is Barbados? (See map, Page A20.)

The Barbados-based Smartmatic, in partnership with Total Information Management, is due to sign on Tuesday a P7.4-billion deal with the Philippine Commis-

RP FORMALLY / A20

DILG chief's woe: Too many Punos–Dong, Rico ... etc.



By Jocelyn R. Uy

HE HOPES TO RUN for vice president in 2010 but with a surname like his, it would be easier for God to make a tree.

"Pogi naman ..."

DILG CHIEF'S / A20

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UP prof ready to run vs GMA



EASY RIDER Sociology professor of UP is an avid weekend biker and cuts a dashing figure astride his Ducati as he zooms for family reunions in the David ancestral home in Betis, Guagua, Pampanga, that happens to be located in the second district, where Ms Arroyo, of late, has been a frequent visitor distributing goodies and projects left and right that her visitations and munificence have given rise to a highly obvious conclusion. INQUIRER PHOTO

David versus Goliath

By Juliet Labog-Javellana and Kristine L. Alave

"NOT IN MY BACKyard."

His wife and four children are all against it, but University of the Philippines professor and INQUIRER columnist Randy David yesterday declared that he would seriously consider running against President Macapagal-Arroyo should she seek a seat in the House representing the second district of their home province of Pampanga in 2010.

"If she runs, I will think about it very seriously. Yes, I think so. She will not go unchallenged. She will not go unopposed; we will oppose her every step of the

UP PROF / A20



LESSONS FROM BRAZIL President Macapagal-Arroyo is a special guest at the Federal Senate of Brazil with host, Senate President Jose Sarney. Interesting to note in the light of the raging debate on Ms Arroyo's reported plan to run for a seat in the House of Representatives that Sarney was Brazil's president in 1985-89 (only one four-year term is allowed there) after which he ran for Congress and is now on his third term as Senate president. Did she get pointers from a president who, after his tenure ended, went right to Congress? MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Noli has edge in Lakas-Kampi race

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christian V. Esguerra

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBERS CAN STILL change, Vice President Noli de Castro's high ratings have given him an early edge in the race to be the Lakas-Kampi-CMD standard-bearer in 2010, according to an administration stalwart.

De Castro now has the highest ratings among those being considered, including Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro and Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando, said Prospero Pichay, the ruling party's vice president for membership.

"Any party is looking for 'winnability'—that's No. 1," Pichay said yesterday at the Serye Forum in Quezon City.

"I'd be a hypocrite to say that we

NOLI HAS EDGE / A20

DOH rules: Schools can only suspend classes once

By Dona Pazzibugan

EVEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) has had enough of school suspensions because of the Influenza A(H1N1) virus.

Stressing that the new virus was "generally mild" though it was spreading fast, the DOH revised its response guidelines for schools confronted with confirmed swine flu cases among their students and staff. (See health advisory on Page A6.)

DOH RULES / A20

Republican gov admits Argentina affair

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA—The governor of South Carolina, a rumored 2012 presidential contender, tearfully confessed to having an affair with a woman in Argentina, dealing the latest blow to a struggling Republican Party.

Gov. Mark Sanford, who caused a ruckus after he could not be located by staff, family and friends for several days, apologized to his wife and four sons and said he would resign as head of the Republican Governors Association.

"I've been unfaithful to my wife," Sanford said in a hastily called news conference in which the 49-year-old governor ruminated aloud with remarkable frankness on God's law, moral absolutes and following one's heart.

He said he spent the last five days "crying in Argentina." His wife Jenny and family members did not attend the news conference.

SEX SCANDAL / A30

2 top RP agencies win bronze at 56th Cannes Lions ad fest

By Marell Ocampo
Inquirer Corporate Affairs

TWO TOP ADVERTISING AGENCIES bagged the bronze in two categories—a first for the Philippines—at the prestigious weeklong Cannes Lions International Advertising Festival in France.

Universal McCann won a Media Lion award for Best Use of Cinema with their entry "Bandiya," a 71-minute film for Johnson's Baby Oil. TBWA Santiago Mangada Puno followed with a Bronze Press Lion for their newspaper print ad campaign "Flowers" created for Bayer's Paints.

2 TOP RP AGENCIES / A20

Jonas ma asks: When will this injustice end?

EDITA BURGOS IS FRUSTRATED.

She can only ask God one question, following the promotion of three military officers linked to the disappearance of her son, Jonas: "Dear Lord, when will all this injustice end?"

In a statement, the Burgos family yesterday said it considered the promotion of Lieutenant Colonels Noel Clement, Melquiades Feliciano and Edison Caga to full colonel as a "re-

JONAS / A20



THE CITY BY THE BAY The seascape of vessels on Manila Bay and the tangled landscape of cranes, container vans and cargo on the harbor, and all of them backdropped by mushrooming smog, somehow make for an eye-grabbing tableau of the city by the bay. Which is Manila, too, by the way. Not just San Francisco. EDWIN BACASMAS

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Lapus hits back at accuser

By Philip Tubeza

EDUCATION SECRETARY JESLI LAPUS YESTERDAY LASHED OUT AT Kolonwel Trading, the company whose former official filed graft charges against him in connection with the aborted P427-million supply contract for the education department's school feeding program.

Bid winner

'False' claims

Media frenzy

Fickle 'Feria' changes course thrice, heads out

By Alcuin Papa

Stranded travellers

Still suspended

Signals lowered

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By Tina G. Santos

Worst sea tragedy

No death certificate

World Bank approves $70-M farming loan to RP

THE WORLD BANK SAID Tuesday it had approved a $70-million farming loan for the Philippines aimed at boosting output in the world's largest rice importer.

The 15-year "adaptable program loan" will go toward expanding irrigation in the country to increase crop yield, the Bank's country office said in a statement.

The World Bank loan is the first of three tranches totaling [illegible] million to help pay for the $413.50 million project. The rest will be paid for by the government.

The terms of the loan were not disclosed.

Most Filipino rice farmers tend small plots and rely on rainfall, leaving the land idle in the dry season and therefore curtailing their productivity, according to agricultural experts.

The country has largely failed to produce enough of the cereal and has been one of the world's largest importers.

The project "will contribute significantly to the government's priority objective of increasing agricultural productivity and enhancing food security," Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap said in the statement.

The government was forced to import 2.3 million tonnes of rice last year, even as prices spiked to near 30-year highs, to feed its rapidly growing population of 90 million people.

After rising to $1,000 a tonne in April 2008, rice prices fell to around $575 late last year, partly due to swollen inventories as stocks were rebuilt [illegible] year.

However, International Rice Research Institute economists have warned prices could spike again later this year due to tighter credit conditions for producers.—AFP

Moody's turns moody on RP banking sector

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE HAS turned negative on the banking sector in the Philippines and the rest of Southeast Asia, saying the global economic crunch would weigh on their financial performance over the short term.

In the case of the Philippines, the credit rating agency said falling interest rates and the possible increase in the loan defaults by borrowers would shrink the profit of banks.

Moody's said, however, that the increase in loan defaults was not expected to lead to substantial losses.

"In the Philippines, loan growth will slow, but probably stay positive, while falling interest rates are placing additional pressure on bank margins. Furthermore, the challenges in the economic and financial markets will depress bank earnings and pressure asset quality but no significant credit losses are expected," Moody's said in its latest report on Asian countries.

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has implemented a series of policy rate cuts since December, hoping to encourage borrowings by consumers and businesses to spur consumption and investments.

A cut in the BSP's borrowing rate, which now stands at 4.25 percent, encourages banks to lend more of their funds instead of depositing them with the central bank.

On the other hand, a drop in the lending rate, which now stands at 6.25 percent, encourages banks to cut the interest they charge their own clients, thus encouraging borrowings.

Moody's said, however, that while lowering of interest rates was meant to boost the economy, this was affecting the banks' profitability.

The credit rating firm said pressures created by the global turmoil were likewise being felt by neighboring countries like Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

Besides Southeast Asia's, India's banking sector was also given a negative outlook as it was likewise confronted with rising loan defaults, Moody's said.

"The slowdowns are clearly making themselves felt on the performance of banks in Southeast Asia and India," says Jerry Chiam of Moody's financial institutions group in Asia Pacific.

Moody's outlook was consistent with the growing consensus that the global turmoil would not spare banking sectors of emerging economies from its adverse effects.

However, the BSP stressed earlier that the Philippines' banking sector would remain relatively healthy this year, posting positive net incomes and maintaining low exposure to bad debts. *Michelle V. Remo*

Correction

IN THE JUNE 25 ISSUE, the banner story of the Business section on Page B1—"Gov't 5-mo borrowings up 30%"—misstated the percentage increase in government borrowings in the first five months of this year compared to the same period last year. Borrowings increased by 19.7—not 29.7—percent during the period. Hence, the headline should have read: "Gov't 5-mo borrowings up 20—not 30—%."

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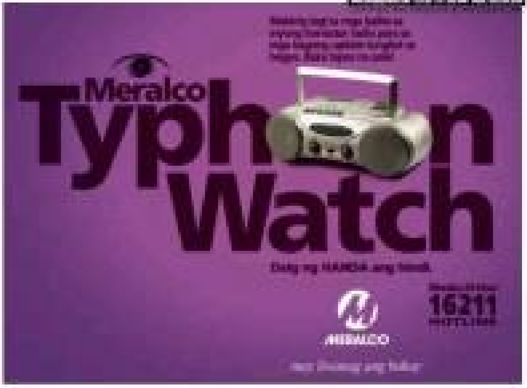


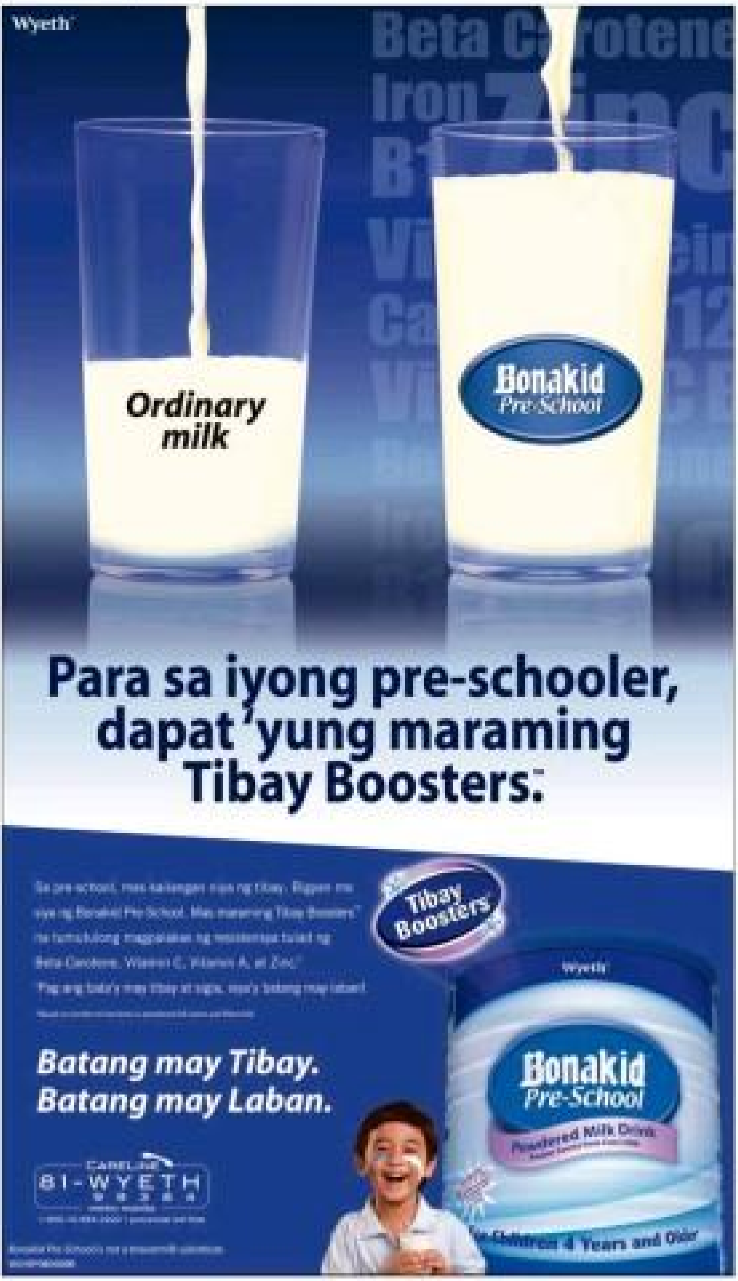
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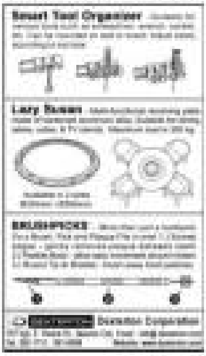


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Comelec: Automated polls still iffy

By Kristine L. Alave



Mancao asks court to keep him at NBI

By Tina G. Santos

People's primaries set June 30

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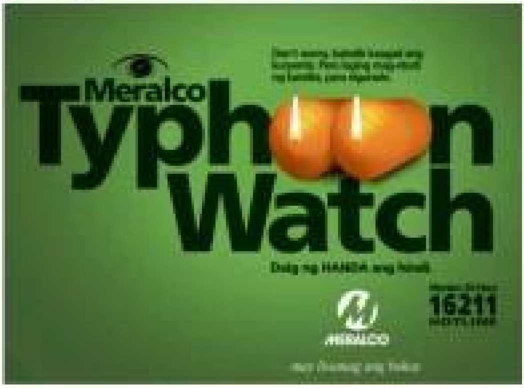
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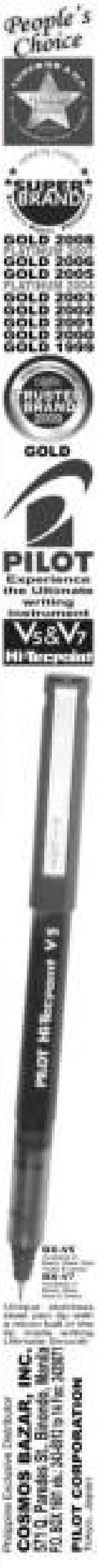
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Swine flu fears send sales of hand sanitizers zooming

By Cathy Yamsuan

HAND SANITIZERS, PARTICULARLY those being marketed to children, are enjoying brisk sales as consumers take precautions to prevent the further spread of the Influenza A(H1N1) virus.

At the Mercury Drug branch in Glorietta in Makati City, shelves are replenished several times daily because of the growing demand for hand sanitizers.

[illegible], a hand sanitizer that carries images of Disney characters on its label, has been out of stock for several days.

A male sales assistant, who asked not to be named, pointed to two shelves where bottles of hand sanitizers were usually stacked. Yesterday, it only had small bottles of a local brand that he said would be sold out before late afternoon.

"I cannot tell the exact volume but these shelves are replenished several times throughout the day. The prices, however, have remained stable despite the growing demand," he said.

Other Mercury branches at Market! Market! in Taguig City and SM Hypermarket in Parañaque City that the Inquirer visited had no stocks of hand sanitizers, only alcohol. This the staff credited to the huge demand.

Price increase

In SM Makati, only Bench hand sanitizers were on the shelves yesterday afternoon. A sales assistant named [illegible] said prices went up "by more than one peso only recently."

The ordinary 100-ml hand gel now costs P[illegible], while the Bench [illegible] variant for kids that comes in apple and raspberry scents was selling at P[illegible] per 100-ml bottle.

"Bench supplies us with the hand sanitizers. It is the one that raised the price," [illegible] said.

"The hand sanitizers sell better because they are more convenient and do not spill inside one's bag unlike alcohol."

The branch of Robinson's Supermarket at the SM Hypermarket [illegible] commercial center noted a slight increase in the demand for hand sanitizers.

Personal hygiene

However, store manager [illegible] said the supermarket had already anticipated this as the supermarket was located near several schools.

"Since the start of classes, we have been expecting that there will be more people looking for hand sanitizers, so we increased our stock. We want it to be always available," she said.

Calamansi juice

Resourceful mothers, however, do not rely solely on hand sanitizers to protect their children from the swine flu virus.

[illegible], 32, an unemployed mother of four, lets her children drink calamansi juice several times a day and puts more vegetables on the menu.

"I was advised to give my children more sour foods to help prevent infection," [illegible] said.

"We previously used hand sanitizers but the price of the one we buy at nearby Mabuhay City Square increased from P[illegible] plus to P[illegible] plus a bottle, so I decided not to buy a new one," she added.

Geraldine [illegible], 39, an accountant with two children, said she was not aware of the types of food that could help build up resistance against the swine flu virus.

However, she has set a rule that household members should wash their hands immediately upon entering their home in Fairview, Quezon City.

"We are more concerned about keeping ourselves clean. I am more on personal hygiene. Immediately after entering or after going outside, one has to wash his hands," she said.

"If it's possible, we try not to leave the house and avoid going to crowded areas. I also give my [illegible] disposable tissues to help clean up," [illegible] added.

Green leafy vegetables

The Department of Health (DOH) recommends the consumption of green leafy vegetables like malunggay, kangkong and alugbati, along with foods rich in Vitamin C like guava, calamansi, dalandan to build up resistance against viruses.

Bonnie Baligola, a vegetable vendor at the [illegible] Market in Caloocan City, said the price of malunggay was stable at P[illegible] to P[illegible] per bundle.

Baligola, 33, said she believed the prices of green leafy vegetables would remain stable despite the rainy season "as long as middlemen do not take advantage" of the situation.

A check with branches of major supermarkets showed that malunggay was not easily available.

SM Makati and Robinson's in SM Hypermarket did not sell malunggay yesterday. The grocery shop at the basement of Rustan's Makati had several bundles but not taken.

"Customers complain it affects the taste of dishes, especially if one puts too much," said a female sales assistant.

Vendor Baligola noted that the price of calamansi in the Caloocan market even went down from P[illegible] to P[illegible] per kilo, saying that the rains may have something to do with it.

"The farmers need to harvest the calamansi before it ripens on the branch. Otherwise, it will be harder to sell," she said.

In short supply

Leny Dimitas, 40, a market vendor in Dasmariñas, complained of difficulty in getting calamansi.

"Many of my customers have been looking for it since H1N1 was reported but I cannot find any stock. It sold for almost P[illegible] a kilo in May but I heard that the price dropped to only P[illegible] this month," she said.

Nelda [illegible], 30, who sells a few meters away from Dimitas, said there was also no price increase among citrus fruits despite the DOH advisory.

"In fact, citrus fruits sell better during the Chinese New Year," she said.



THE LINE FORMS RIGHT HERE The number of swine flu cases is rising, 727 at the latest count of the Department of Health. But many of the new cases have already recovered. At East Avenue Hospital in Quezon City, people continue to line up for screening. [illegible]

DOH rules: Schools can only suspend classes once

From page A1

Under the amended Interim Guidelines No. [illegible], schools with confirmed cases can only suspend classes once.

To minimize class disruption, suspension should also be limited only to specific class sections with a confirmed case or to the affected floor level of a building.

The DOH issued the revised guidelines yesterday as scores of affected schools and universities were set to end their voluntary shutdown.

The DOH will allow schools that report their first confirmed A(H1N1) case to suspend classes for 10 days as a means to prevent other students from being exposed to the virus while administrators undertake school decontamination and a campaign on personal hygiene awareness.

But under the new guidelines, the DOH said schools that had lifted their suspension should no longer postpone classes again even if new cases were reported.

"There is no value in suspending classes for the same group of students or school staff in case another confirmed case is detected in the group," the DOH said.

High likelihood

The department said the likelihood that transmission had occurred before the occurrence of symptoms and laboratory testing was high.

"Thus, the emphasis of infection management should be shifted to individual patient care," it said.

School administrators only have to send ill students and staff back home or to a clinic if they have severe symptoms.

Even in the event of a sustained community-level outbreak, the DOH's new guidelines said schools need not suspend classes since the virus was already circulating in the community.

In case of a sustained outbreak, schools should only suspend classes when there is an "unusually severe illness or clinical manifestation" and when there is a "large number of simultaneously ill students and/or school staff."

The DOH yesterday reported 122 more confirmed cases while 85 more A(H1N1) patients have fully recovered. This brings the total count of fully recovered cases to 536, or 74 per cent of all confirmed cases since May 21.

Ateneo law school

Two students from Ateneo de Manila Law School in Makati City became the latest confirmed cases, the city government said yesterday.

The city health officer, Dr. Lourdes Sabal, said the school in Rockwell Center did not shut down yesterday.

Instead, the school only suspended for 10 days the classes of the sections where the affected freshman and senior law students belonged, Sabal said.

Another school got a confirmed flu case yesterday: Arellano High School.

Teresita Domalanta, Department of Education-National Capital Region director, said Arellano High School in Manila had one student who tested positive for the flu.

The school is suspending classes for 10 days for general cleaning.

"But I told them to include the suspension of classes due to Storm 'Feria' and Saturday and Sunday so that their school calendar would not be affected that much," Domalanta said.

With reports from Allison W. Lopez and Philip C. Tubeza


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Why politicians cheat on their wives





Sex scandal deals another blow to Republican Party





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OPINION

School's out

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS find themselves in a bind. As the A(H1N1) virus continues to spread, they are torn between the devil of suspending classes and the deep blue sea of containing the pandemic.

What makes their situation even more unhappy is an unfortunate but inescapable conclusion: Calling off classes has failed to stop the spread of swine flu. Given widespread public alarm about the virus, suspending classes every time a student or a teacher is positively diagnosed looks more and more like a knee-jerk, instead of a well-thought-out, reaction.

EDITORIAL

"It's useless. This is just like non-stop or cough," Education Secretary Jesli Lapus said the other day. He has outlined new guidelines, "which shifts the focus from containment to mitigation, because even if you suspend classes, would that stop the spread of the virus?"

We can understand where Lapus is coming from. At the rate schools are calling off classes, there may be nothing left of the first academic semester before the virus can be sufficiently contained. [illegible]

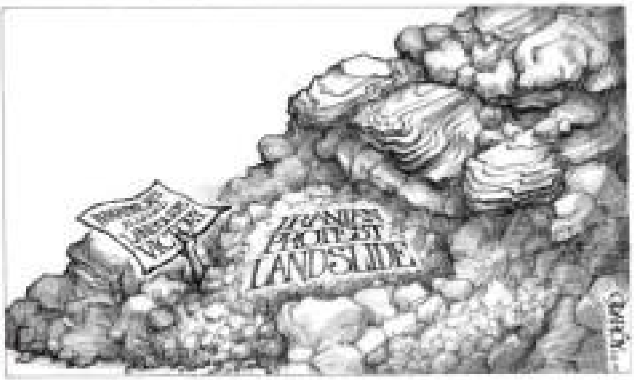
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Guns as a means of population control

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Across the NATION

Doc in charge of A(H1N1) murdered

DAVAO CITY—UNIDENTIFIED gunmen shot dead the chief epidemiologist of the Department of Health in Southern Mindanao on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

Angles

Motoral target



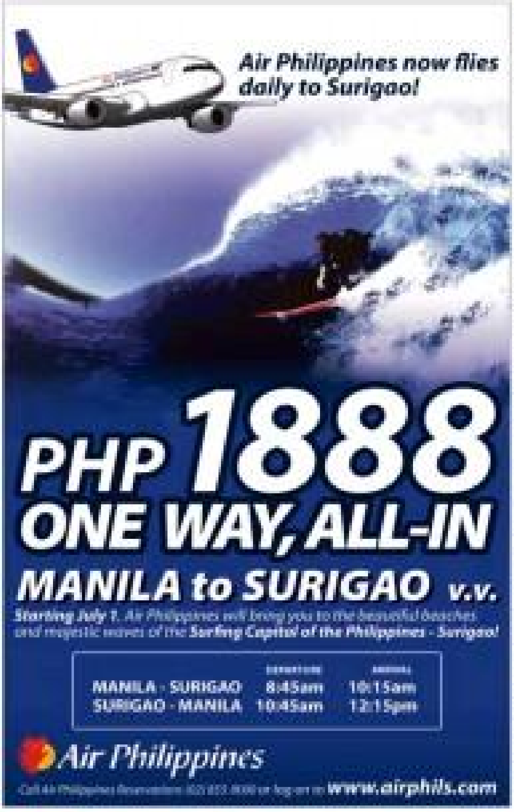
Davao doctors keep swine flu panic at bay

'It doesn't matter if a patient comes from other areas. The protocol is for hospitals to treat patients'

4 dead in San Pablo ambush on antidrug dad, companions

Landslides, mining linked; firm disputes charge

Bill to tap 1.3M barangay health workers



Campaign launched vs Internet porn







Health Advisory

Influenza A (H1N1) Revised Response Levels System in Schools

Issued by:
DOH Emergency Management Task Force for the Pandemic Response to Influenza A(H1N1)

	RESPONSE LEVEL 1	RESPONSE LEVEL 2	RESPONSE LEVEL 3	RESPONSE LEVEL 4
CRITERIA	1.1 Confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1) in other countries but no confirmed case in the Philippines	2.1 Confirmed cases of novel Influenza A (H1N1) in the country 2.2 No confirmed case in the school 2.3 No confirmed community level transmission	3.1 Confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1) in the country 3.2 Confirmed case in school 3.3 No confirmed community level transmission	4.1 Confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1) in the country 4.2 Confirmed community level transmission
RESPONSE	1.2 Keep updated about the status and extent of Influenza A (H1N1) globally 1.3 Campaign for proper hand washing, general hygiene and cough/sneeze manners 1.4 Make available hygiene and sanitation facilities 1.5 Line list and monitor health status of students, faculty and non-teaching personnel who have recently traveled to countries with confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1) virus infection 1.6 Observe precautionary measures during school gathering	2.1 Confirmed cases of novel Influenza A (H1N1) in the country 2.2 No confirmed case in the school 2.3 No confirmed community level transmission 2.8 Students, faculty and non-teaching personnel with Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) shall not report to school but inform the school physician or local health authorities for proper advice 2.9 Isolate in designated room and refer to school physician or healthcare worker persons identified to have ILI while in the school 2.10 Establish referral system with local health care facilities 2.11 Report to local health authorities (MHO/CHO) and/or the regional DOH Center for Health Development	*3.4 Implement Response Level 2 PLUS:* 3.5 Temporarily suspend classes in affected school (* for the extent of closure, refer to box below) 3.6 Lift suspension after 10 days	*4.3 Implement Response Level 3 PLUS:* 4.4 As a rule, NO suspension of classes in schools located in areas with community level transmission. Exceptions are: 4.4.1 Unusually severe illness or clinical manifestations 4.4.2 Large number of simultaneously ill students and/or school staff 4.5 Reverse isolation: students and school employees residing in areas without community level transmission should be advised NOT to report to school until the number of ILI in area or school has subsided OR these students and school employees will be required to wear face mask 4.6 Strengthen public health interventions
Declaration of Suspension of Classes	1.7 No suspension of classes	2.12 No suspension of classes	3.7 If a school has a laboratory-confirmed case of Influenza A (H1N1), the school principal declares suspension of classes 3.8 If two or more schools in one city or municipality have confirmed cases of Influenza A (H1N1),the Division Superintendent declares the suspension of classes in the affected schools or depending on the location of schools affected, in the entire city or municipality 3.9 The Higher Education Institution heads declare suspension of classes in their respective schools	4.7 The school principal or head decides if school needs to be temporarily closed, based on: 4.7.1 Severity or manifestations of Influenza A (H1N1) illness among student or local population 4.7.2 Number of simultaneously ill students and/or school staff 4.7.3 Recommendation of the DOH or regional Center for Health Development

Reasons for suspending classes are:

- To contribute to containment measures by limiting exposure to index case or cluster of cases in the school setting
- To allow school officials to plan and institute or conduct the intensified campaign in school and community for awareness and behavior change toward:
  - frequent hand washing
  - general personal hygiene, including sanitation of personal effects like cell phones and other closely held personal gadgets

o For schools to institute sanitation and decontamination measures in the school:
- General cleaning of the school
- Use of disinfectants for chairs, desks, door knobs, toilets, lavatories and garbage bins
- Ensure provision of water, soap and other supplies / materials for proper hygienic purposes

o For schools to coordinate with local health officials and the DOH regional Centers for Health Development who should document and report the clinical manifestations and progress and investigate the likely source and extent of transmission of the infection

* The extent or coverage of suspension of classes, college, institute or department or of the classes of schools to contain Influenza A (H1N1) infection for Response Level 3 depends on the following factors:

- Physical configuration of school buildings such that the area or areas frequented by the first confirmed case/s can be delimited to a specific building or floor level and only classes in those areas may be suspended
- Section or class assignments of students. Students in block sections can be suspended altogether when one of them is a confirmed Influenza A (H1N1) case while sparing the rest of the school population from disruption of classes especially when there are no confirmed cases in other sections
- School contingency plan of action to minimize both the spread of infection and the disruption of classes. This should include special arrangements for students on home quarantine to be able to catch up with lessons and for students on reverse isolation (as in Response Level 4) to be accommodated in schools located in areas without community level transmission.
- Evaluation and recommendation of the DOH central or regional Centers for Health Development and local health authorities

Affected schools should inform DepEd/CHED/TESDA regarding their decision to suspend classes and/or close the school.

- Confirmation of community level transmission is done by the Department of Health. School administrators shall closely coordinate with DOH regional Centers for Health Development in this regard.
- The Secretary of DepEd Chairperson of CHED/Director General of TESDA and their authorized representatives or officials may suspend classes according to information available to them or the recommendation provided by the DOH.

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CHAMPS: Buncio (left) and Enriquez.

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AN in-form Roger Federer hits a return shot to Guillermo Garcia-Lopez during their second round singles match at Wimbledon on June 24.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

22 June 2009

DOH-BFAD ADVISORY
No. 2009-006

Subject: Misleading Advertisements or Fraudulent Sales Promotion Practices Concerning Food Supplements, Vitamins or Vaccines Claiming to Cure or Treat the Influenza A (H1N1) Strain

In the interest of public health and safety, the Department of Health - Bureau of Food and Drugs hereby strongly advises the public to be vigilant over the advertisements or fraudulent sales promotion practices of food supplements, vitamins or other products that create an erroneous impression that the product concerned could cure or treat the Influenza A(H1N1) virus.

It must be stressed that to date, there are no food supplements, vitamins or vaccines that cure or treat against the new Influenza A(H1N1) virus.

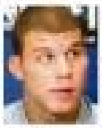
Manufacturers and distributors of food supplements or vitamins are strongly warned that any claim in their advertisements that their product can cure or treat the Influenza A(H1N1) virus can be an outright violation of Section 112 of Republic Act No. 7394 or The Consumer Act of the Philippines, Bureau Circular No. 2007-002 the subject of which is the "Guidelines in the Use of Nutrition and Health Claims in Food", and Republic Act No. 3720 for violating the misbranding provisions thereof, and may be proceeded against pursuant to the above laws and regulation and Executive Order No. 292 s. 1987 or the Administrative Code of 1987.

Any advertisement or fraudulent sales promotion practices involving food supplements, vitamins or other products that create an erroneous impression that the product concerned could prevent, cure or treat the Influenza A(H1N1) virus must be reported to the Bureau of Food and Drugs at telephone nos. 809-43-90 loc. 1051.

For the information and guidance of all.

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Acting Director IV

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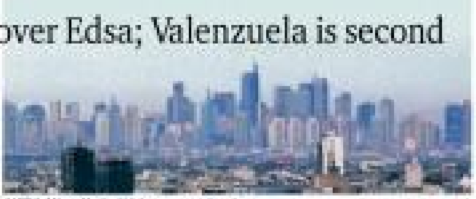
THE QUALITY OF THE AIR IN METRO MANILA IS improving but is still below the standards set by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), a recent air quality survey revealed.

According to the Total Suspended Air Particulates (TSP) Air Quality survey the air quality of the metropolis in 2008 was at an average of 138 micrograms of pollutants per normal cubic meter, way above the standard 90 micrograms per normal cubic meter set by the DENR.

The area with the dirtiest air is the vicinity of Edsa, which recorded 200 micrograms. Coming second is Valenzuela City with 150 micrograms and third is the National Printing Office area in Quezon City with 144 micrograms.

Pollutants include sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen dioxide

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A VIEW of Metro Manila.

2 Malabon dikes collapse due to rains

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Top cops to be cited

FIGHTING A(H1N1)

Natural defense is the best personal battle plan

For a strain of influenza virus with a relatively low fatality rate, the A(H1N1) virus (erstwhile known as the "swine flu") has taken the world in a grip of fear unseen since the SARS scare. You can probably blame the word "pandemic" the World Health Organization has declared this new influenza strain that originated in Mexico barely two months ago and has since struck tens of thousands around the world for its public notoriety.



WASHING hands frequently, and properly, can help prevent the spread of the virus.

Bacterial pneumonia: The real killer

Baghdad bomb attack kills 69

BAGHDAD—A BOMB RIPPED through a crowded market in Baghdad's main Shiite district on Wednesday, killing at least 69 people and wounding more than 140 less than a week before a deadline for US combat troops to leave Iraq's urban areas.

A series of blasts this week have killed more than 150 people, as US and Iraqi officials warned they expected more violence before the US withdrawal from cities.

American troops already have begun pulling back from the joint bases that they occupied with Iraqi security forces as part of a counterinsurgency strategy aimed at clearing volatile areas and holding them.

The recent spike in violence has raised new concern about the ability of Iraqi forces to protect the people, but a US military spokesperson insisted that American combat troops would be out of the cities by Tuesday as required by a security pact.

Brig. Gen. Steve Lanza said the recent high-profile attacks, which are usually blamed on Sunni insurgents, were part of an effort to rekindle sectarian violence that pushed the country to the brink of civil war.

"What's important to understand is that the people have not responded to this," he told reporters at a briefing at the US Embassy in Baghdad's protected Green Zone.

In the past, bombings in Shiite areas would be followed by mortar attacks against Sunni strongholds or execution-style killings that were the signature of Shiite militias.

The explosion in Sadr City—the deadliest to strike the sprawling slum in more than two years—came just days after the US military handed over to Iraqis its main base on the edge of the former Shiite militia stronghold. The outpost was used by Shiite militants to launch rockets into the Green Zone during the last major fighting in the city in 2008.

The bomb, which was hidden under vegetables on a motorized pushcart, exploded about 7 p.m., apparently timed to maximize casualties by striking shoppers buying food for their evening meal at the Mraidi market.

Shrapnel was blown more than 500 yards away and some shops were set on fire, a police officer said.

As is usual after bombings in Iraq, there were conflicting death tolls, as victims were taken to several hospitals.

An interior ministry official said 69 people were killed and 135 wounded, while police and hospital officials in Sadr City put the death toll at 72.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

US helicopters buzzed over the blast site, which was cordoned off by Iraqi police.

Qassim Ismail, 29, who was walking through the market with friends, was wounded by shrapnel.

"It sounded like unbelievable thunder and there was shattered glass and a hurricane of metal that knocked me down," he said. "I found myself lying next to a concrete block, which may have saved me."

Another bomb exploded late Wednesday in the mainly Shiite neighborhood of Jihad, killing at least one civilian and wounding 10 others, most of them young men who had been enjoying themselves at a nearby billiards hall.

US and Iraqi officials anticipated the rise in violence before the June 30 deadline for most American troops to pull back from urban areas—the first stage of a full withdrawal by the end of 2011. US combat operations will continue in rural areas and if requested by the Iraqi government.

Four days earlier, a truck bombing killed 82 people in a mainly Shiite town near the northern city of Kirkuk, which was the deadliest bombing so far this year.

Back-to-back suicide bombings by female attackers also killed 71 people outside a Shiite shrine in Baghdad on April 24.

Lanza said the US military had recorded a declining trend in the number of high-profile attacks, with 28 in April, 18 in May and 10 this month, excluding the Sadr City blast, which occurred hours after he spoke to reporters at a briefing. AP



UMM ABBAS weeps as she sits next to her son who was wounded in a bombing in the main Shiite district in Baghdad, Iraq, on June 25. AP

Evidence linking Saudi royals to al-Qaida face barriers in Sept. 11 suit

WASHINGTON—DOCUMENTS gathered by lawyers for the families of Sept. 11 victims provide new evidence of extensive financial support for al-Qaida and other extremist groups by members of the Saudi royal family, but the material may never find its way into court because of legal and diplomatic obstacles.

The case has put the Obama administration in the middle of a political and legal dispute, with the Justice Department siding with the Saudis in court last month in seeking to kill the families' legal action. Adding to the intrigue, classified American intelligence documents related to Saudi finances were leaked anonymously to lawyers for the families. The Justice Department had the lawyers' copies destroyed and now wants to prevent a judge from even looking at the material.

The Saudis and their defenders in Washington have long denied links to terrorists, and they have mounted an aggressive campaign to beat back the allegations in federal court based on a claim of sovereign immunity.

Allegations of Saudi links to terrorism have been the subject of years of government investigations. Critics have said that some members of the Saudi ruling class pay off terrorist groups in part to keep them from being more active in their own country.

But the thousands of pages of previously undisclosed documents compiled by lawyers for the Sept. 11 families and their insurers represent an unusually detailed look at some of the evidence.

Internal Treasury Department documents obtained by the lawyers under the Freedom of Information Act, for instance, said that a prominent Saudi charity, the International Islamic Relief Organization, heavily supported by members of the Saudi royal family, showed "support for terrorist organizations" at least through 2006.

The new documents, provided to The New York Times by the lawyers, are among several hundred thousand pages of investigative material obtained by the Sept. 11 families and their insurers as part of a civil lawsuit seeking to hold Saudi Arabia and its royal family liable for financing al-Qaida.

Saudi lawyers and supporters say that the links are flimsy, and that the country is being sued because it has deep pockets and was home to 15 of the 19 hijackers.

"In looking at all the evidence the families brought together, I have not seen one iota of evidence that Saudi Arabia had anything to do with the 9/11 attacks," Michael Kellogg, a Washington lawyer representing Prince Mohammed al-Faisal al-Saud in the lawsuit, said in an interview.

Two federal judges and the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals have already ruled against the 7,630 people represented in the lawsuit, made up of survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks and family members of those killed, throwing out the lawsuit on the grounds that the families cannot bring legal action in the United States against a sovereign nation. NYT



NINA Wang's picture displayed after a cremation ceremony in Hong Kong on April 13, 2007. AP

Alleged lover of Asia's richest woman defends claim

HONG KONG—THE ALLEGED lover of Asia's richest businesswoman defended his claim on Thursday to her multibillion-dollar estate in a trial that has captivated Hong Kong, saying the two of them shared a life of feng shui, cooking and playing with model helicopters.

Businesswoman Nina Wang was one of the territory's most colorful people, known as "Little Sweetie" for her girlish outfits and pigtails. She died at age 69 of cancer in April 2007.

In his second day of testimony, 49-year-old feng shui adviser Tony Chan Chun-chuen said he and Wang were lovers and that she left him her fortune in an October 2006 will.

But the Chinachem Charitable Foundation, set up by Wang and her late husband, holds a competing will dated July 2002.

Chan said he and Wang shared many interests, including feng shui, the traditional Chinese practice of improving fortunes by actions like the placement of objects.

"We played every day. We shared many activities every day. Feng shui was one of our interests, but we also liked to play with model helicopters. We cooked together, we traveled together," he said.

Chan said he advised Wang to dig holes at properties owned by her husband's company in 1992 to improve her luck.

"Digging holes became a husband-and-wife game I played with Nina," Chan said.

He testified on Wednesday that his affair with Wang was already ongoing when his wife was pregnant with their oldest son.

Wang inherited her husband's fortune after an eight-year court battle against her father-in-law.

Her husband was abducted in 1990, and despite the family paying $33 million in ransom, he was never released and his body never found. Wang went on to build her husband's company, Chinachem, into a massive property developer, with office towers and apartment complexes throughout Hong Kong.

In 2007, Forbes magazine ranked her as the world's No. 204 richest person with a fortune of US$4.2 billion, but it is not clear how much her fortune is currently worth. AP

Master swindler Madoff to be sentenced Monday

NEW YORK—THOUSANDS OF people who lost their life savings in a multibillion-dollar scam will discover on Monday the fate of Wall Street swindler Bernard Madoff, who at 71 could face a 150-year jail term.

Madoff's fall from grace since his shock arrest in December will be complete when he returns to a New York courtroom on Monday for sentencing after pleading guilty to one of the biggest, most complex financial scams in history.

Once the darling of the markets who was believed to have the Midas touch, the former chair of the Nasdaq, now languishes in a tiny prison cell after admitting 11 charges of fraud, perjury and theft in March.

Among his victims were Hollywood celebrities, international movers and shakers, some of the world's most famous banks and even Jewish charities, many of which were forced to close after Madoff's scheme evaporated in a puff of smoke.

But many of his investors were also ordinary elderly retirees who thought their life savings were in safe hands, and now face financial ruin.

Madoff told the court in March that of the billions of dollars which passed through his hands during his three-decade scam he never invested one cent in the market. Instead he stashed the funds in a Chase Manhattan bank account.

The funds were then used to pay out "dividends" to investors in what is known as a "Ponzi scheme."

Prosecutors say about $13 billion was handed to Madoff. The fraudster himself has talked about losing some $50 billion, which is believed to be the amount that would have been paid out had the funds been properly invested.

The sums were shockingly large—bigger than the gross domestic product of countries such as Luxembourg, and more than the external debt of some of poor African nations.

On Monday, several selected victims will be allowed to address Judge Denny Chin and say what they believe Madoff's fate should be.

Earlier this month some 113 victims flooded Chin with letters and e-mails and almost all in no uncertain terms called for a life prison term, with some going even further.

"Please make sure the facility in which he rots is extremely uncomfortable," wrote Jean Cohen, a businessman from New Jersey, who lost all his savings.

Summarizing the views of many, Ben Weinstein, 62, wrote: "This scum should never again see the light of day."

In total, Chin could sentence Madoff to a maximum of 150 years. But Madoff's lawyers have said the former financier should receive only 12 years or less, arguing that at 71 he only has a life expectancy of about 13 years. AFP



SUZANNE Tamim in undated picture. The Lebanese pop star was found dead in a luxury Dubai apartment in July 2008. AFP

Egypt tycoon, hitman to hang for murder of Lebanese pop diva

CAIRO—A CAIRO COURT ON Thursday confirmed a death sentence against an Egyptian tycoon and an ex-cop hitman for the murder of a Lebanese pop star after the verdict was approved by Egypt's top cleric.

Judge Al-Mohammedi Qonsua confirmed sentences of death by hanging for Hisham Talaat Mustafa and retired policeman Muhsen al-Sukkari for respectively ordering and carrying out the killing of Suzanne Tamim in a luxury Dubai apartment in July 2008.

The court initially issued its verdict in May but in line with Islamic law, the death sentence had to be approved by the country's mufti.

The defendants were escorted out of the courtroom after the verdict which was greeted calmly by their friends and relatives, an AFP correspondent said, in sharp contrast to scenes of screaming and fainting during the May hearing.

Since his appointment as mufti in 2003, Sheikh Ali Gomaa has received 480 requests to review death sentences and only refused two of them.

Executions are carried out in secrecy in Egypt, after which a black flag is hoisted over the prison.

Mustafa and Sukkari can still appeal the decision, a justice official said.

Mustafa, a rising star of Egypt's ruling National Democratic Party, was found guilty in May of paying Sukkari $2 million to cut the throat of his one-time lover at the Dubai flat she bought months before the murder.

The case with its mix of wealth, show business and politics has gripped Egypt, where powerful businessmen are rarely seen to face justice.

Mustafa ordered the killing after Tamim—who had previously married one man in the [illegible] Tamim—tied the knot with Iraqi kickboxing champion Riyad al-Azzawi, whom she met in London's renowned Harrods department store.

Sukkari followed Tamim, 30, to Dubai to stake out her flat. He then bought a knife, went to the apartment saying he worked for the building owner and killed her when she opened the door.

Mustafa, 49, was arrested in September and had his immunity lifted as a member of the Shura Council, Egypt's upper house of parliament.

He ran the Talaat Mustafa Group real estate conglomerate that is worth several billion dollars until his arrest, when the group appointed his brother Tareq Talaat Mustafa chair of the board and chief executive officer.

Mustafa is said to be close to President Hosni Mubarak's son and heir apparent, Gamal.

Egyptian media said Tamim had a three-year relationship with Mustafa that ended several months before her death. AFP

Catholic magazine attacks Italy's prime minister

ROME—A HIGH-END PROSTITUTE says she has spent the night at Silvio Berlusconi's Rome residence after a party that allegedly featured the prime minister's [illegible], his cabinet-crossing, and [illegible] of sexy women.

Berlusconi denied the claim, but there are signs of trouble ahead for the Italy's longest-serving prime minister. Prosecutors are examining images Patrizia D'Addario allegedly took of his bedroom and telephone recordings of him allegedly sweet-talking her—and the Roman Catholic Church is warning the "limits of decency" have been breached.

A defiant Berlusconi—sometimes referred to as the "Teflon" prime minister for his ability to escape controversy—says he has nothing to be sorry about.

But the scandal regarding Berlusconi, over his purported fondness for young models and starlets shows no signs of letting up. With newspapers competing for the last tawdry detail, Italians are taking a new look at the life of the man they voted into power three times and finding a very different Berlusconi than his carefully manicured image.

On Wednesday, Berlusconi launched a new tourism campaign for Italy, saying the country needed to rehabilitate its image internationally because its reputation had been tarnished by his recent personal scandals and a garbage crisis in Naples last year.

The most recent accusations against the prime minister come just a few weeks before he hosts President Barack Obama and many of the world's leaders at a G-8 summit in earthquake-stricken L'Aquila.

"There is nothing in my private life that I should apologize for," Berlusconi told the gossip magazine Chi, which he owns, in the interview on newsstands on Wednesday.

"I have never paid a woman. I never understood what the satisfaction is when you are missing the pleasure of conquest," the 72-year-old premier was quoted as saying.

Until the interview, Berlusconi had simply dismissed as "garbage" and a smear campaign reports that an acquaintance of his had recruited these women, and paid two of them, to attend parties at his residences.

To break the silence and address the accusations directly the premier chose a popular magazine that is part of his Mondadori publishing house.

On the cover, above a headline reading, "Now I do the talking," a smiling Berlusconi sits on a lawn, his 5-year-old grandson at his side. In other photos inside, the premier is seen surrounded by his grandchildren and children, and in one, he's playing at the piano with grandson Alessandro, dressed in a sailor suit.

The photos offer a stark contrast with the image of Berlusconi depicted in recent weeks by Italian newspapers: a rich and powerful flirt who liked being surrounded by pretty women while he boasted of his visits to the White House, cracked jokes and sang songs.

"There must be limits," said Famiglia Cristiana, an influential Catholic magazine that is distributed in parishes across Italy. "Those limits of decency have been exceeded."

"Those who have power, even with wide popular consensus, cannot claim they are in ethics-free territory," the magazine said in an editorial this week.

Famiglia Cristiana was the second Catholic publication to criticize the premier. The newspaper of Italy's bishops conference, Avvenire, urged Berlusconi to respond to the accusations last week. AP

The WORLD

70 professors detained in Iran–Mousavi

SEVENTY UNIVERSITY PROfessors were detained in Iran in a widening government crackdown on protestors, according to a website affiliated with Iran's key opposition figure, Mir Hossein Mousavi, who says he was robbed of victory in a rigged presidential election.



MOUSAVI

BUSINESS

Imports dropped 37.4% in April

BOP may exceed $700-M surplus target set for '09

MERCHANDISE IMPORTS FELL by 37.4 percent to $3.041 billion year-on-year in April—the steepest drop yet since the value of shipments began to slide in October 2008.

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Portfolio Summary and Performance Standing as of June 24, 2009

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RP to gain from US rate decision

By Michelle V. Remo

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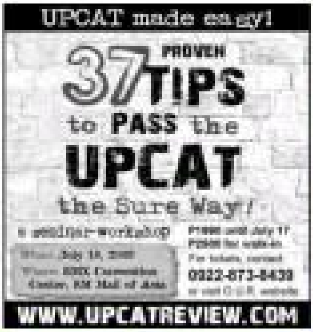
The United States is the Philippines' biggest export market and is home to many overseas Filipino workers, whose remittances help boost household consumption domestically.

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By Doris C. Dumlao

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BUSINESS *Friday*

Batanes braces for tourism boom

Text and photos by Abigail L. Ho



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FAÇADE of the Cultural Center of the Philippines

'Face Off': The news wasn't the weather

"THAT'S OUR GOOD LUCK," an Inquirer executive said as the rains poured harder and harder outside the Cultural Center of the Philippines hours before the Inquirer Lifestyle fashion show last Tuesday.

Remembering the success of last year's [illegible] fashion [illegible] on a [illegible] day, we no longer saw the weather as [illegible] but a good luck sign. Last year's attendance was [illegible].

[illegible] enough, Inquirer Lifestyle [illegible] "Face Off" drew another record crowd. This time, the news wasn't the weather.

It was that this august cultural institution led by president Nestor Jardin was hosting a fashion show of Filipino contemporary designers, with music by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Agripino "Boy" [illegible]. (See [illegible] for [illegible] report)

The June 23 "Face Off" drew the Who's Who [illegible] on [illegible] Lifestyle), but more important, had art and fashion sharing center stage.



















Style 'Face Off' off the ramp





























The hotline to your kids

By Pam Pastor

TODAY'S PARENTS CAN THANK TECHnology for keeping them connected to their children all the time. Whether they're stuck in the office, out of the country or running errands, mobile phones mean that their kids are always just one quick call away.

Seven busy parents share their cell phone secrets—how often they call their kids, what they talk about, their unforgettable conversations and their tips for other parents who always want to stay in touch.



Ruby Gan

Mom of twenty-year-old Martin Francis Tan and eighteen-year-old Raphael Francis Tan

Staying connected: "Mobile phones keep me updated on their whereabouts. Since Martin is involved in a lot of school activities, he keeps me posted if there will be meetings that will keep him in school. Raphael commutes to UP and that makes me a bit antsy. His text messages keep me updated. When I am abroad, I call them to make sure they are not late in waking up for school. I cannot imagine living my kind of life eight years without the mobile phones. I would forever be worrying wondering where they are."

Speed dial: "In a day, I call them two to three times. Calling is a lot faster than waiting for text messages."

Talk, talk, talk: "We mostly talk about what they need in school. When I was in New York so many years ago, mobile phones kept us connected. I would call them to find out how they were, what's happening in school, etc. It would always have a bittersweet ending because I wish I would never have to end the call."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "Take care. Ingat. Mwah!"

Unforgettable phone conversation: "When Martin called me up while I was in Bangkok. He was so worried because he found out something happened to a friend. He was thinking of how I would take it so he called to make sure that I was fine. I was so touched!"

Sharon Gotuaco

Mom of three

Staying connected: "Only my eldest who is 11 has a cellphone. It helps a lot with coordination and schedules, especially if there are last minute changes."

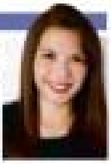
Speed dial: "We mostly text each other unless something needs an immediate action. My eldest usually calls me at the end of the day if I am not yet home and it is later than usual."

Talk, talk, talk: "We discuss mostly their whereabouts and what they need to accomplish for the day."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "That I love them."

Tips for other parents: "Cellphones for responsible kids who are old enough can be a big help."

Annie Naval



Mom of ten-year-old Bobby and eight-year-old Nina, her inspiration for SMARTALK, Smart's latest innovation, the ultimate in unlimited calls

Staying connected: "I've only allowed my kids to share one cellphone and this was only recently. Now that they do have a mobile phone, I feel more at ease knowing that they can call us anytime—and that we can call them anytime too."

Speed dial: "I call them at least once a day."

Talk, talk, talk: "Especially when I am out of town, I call them to ask how their day was, what they were doing at that very moment, are they being good, have they eaten, did they finish their homework, etc. Then, they ask me when I am coming home and what pasalubong I will get them."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "That I love them and to be good."

Unforgettable conversation: "Every conversation is precious but one of the funniest ones was when they asked me to settle the so-called 'issue' by answering this question: Does Santa really make all the toys himself or does he also go to the malls to shop if he knows he's running out of time? I told them Santa shops too."

Tips for other parents: "Talk to them and have fabulous conversations! Talk, talk, talk—it's what makes the bond really stronger. Let them talk about the most trivial and mundane things (like what happens next in the video game) and show them that it is important for you to know."

Nikka Alvez

Mom of five-year-old Jiro and three-year-old Ikko

Staying connected: "The phone keeps me in contact with their nanny so I know where they are, what they're doing, especially when they're not at home."

Speed dial: "If I know they're home and under their lola's care then I call maybe once a day. I call more often for more complicated schedules out of home."

Talk, talk, talk: "We talk about what they're doing, what they did in school, what they ate, if they drank their medicine, etc."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "That I love them."

Unforgettable phone conversation: "When my youngest asked if he could have a baby brother after he updated me on what he had for lunch!"



Hon Guieta

Dad to six-year-old Sabine, three-year-old Mattea and one-year-old Abel

Staying connected: "My phone allows me contact with my children every afternoon so I can check how their school day was. The school contacts me too, in case of an emergency."

Speed dial: "I call them every day at about four."

Talk, talk, talk: "I ask them how their day went and if they learned anything new in school."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "That I love them and that I'll be home soon."

Unforgettable conversation: "Normally, our conversations would go like this:

Me: "So Sabine, how was your day today?"

Sabine: "Oh-kay."

Me: "Did you learn anything new?"

Sabine: "Yes. Wait. Mattea wants to talk to you."

Mattea: "Daddy!"

Me: "Hi!"

Mattea: "What time are you coming home today?"

Me: "Around dinner time. How was your day today?"

Mattea: "Ok."

Me: "Tell me about it later. I love you."

Mattea: "Love you."

Tips for other parents:

Any tips for parents who want to stay connected with their kids? "If you work like me, set a particular time to call to check on your kids. Those minutes of chit chat with them does wonders for me at work!"



Julie Yuzon



Mom to twelve-year-old Tiger and six-year-old Migel

Staying connected: "We assigned a postpaid mobile phone for the house which the kids or our helpers can use to call or text us anytime we are at work or out or out of the country. Tiger has had a pre-paid mobile phone since last Christmas. The phone helps a lot especially in coordinating schedules of the kids, checking on their safety and most of all, in keeping in touch with them even if we are not around."

Speed dial: "My husband and I call them, on the average, three times a day. When there is school, we call and text to check on their current location while being driven and if they have arrived in school or at home. We call and text to check if they have eaten and taken their vitamins, and if we're going home late, if they have done their assignments etc."

Talk, talk, talk: "We talk about everything! My kids call about the most mundane things—like if they can use the aircon or if they can use the internet to watch Dollar Hero videos on Youtube. One time, I called the house and Migel asked me why dinner is for evening and why breakfast is for morning. My kids ask and talk about the dumbest things!"

One thing I tell my kids every day: "We have a standard daily dialogue. 'It's always,' 'I love you so much. I miss you already. I love you the most.' Sometimes, when they start to feel icky when I make lambing on the phone, they just say 'lovyoumorebye' in five seconds or less."

Tips for other parents: "1. Answer their calls all the time. If you can't pick up right away, text them to text you. And return their calls! Believe me, we need to practice what we preach in preparation for the adolescent years!

2. Please don't forget to teach your kids about proper phone etiquette.

3. If your child wants to have a personal mobile phone, give them a pre-paid mobile phone so he learns to budget his load allowance.

4. Make sure the phones in your house can reach your mobile phone at any given time. Landlines should have NDD/IDD capacity. Mobile phones should always have load if it is not postpaid, especially in case of emergency.

5. Bottomline, it's important to let your kids know with certainty that they can reach you anytime they want and need to—especially if both of you are working parents. Giving them the option to stay connected as often as possible, even if you are not with them, assures them and minimizes any sort of anxieties they have. The lines of communication always always always have to be open."

Dindin Lagdameo

Mom to thirteen-year-old Jaqi and eight-year-old Paolo

Staying connected: "We got them phones for them to be able to get in touch with who will fetch them once school is over. It's always a hit. Eventually, it became helpful for busy days. They'd call to check how I am and vice versa. In a nutshell, it's like having each other even when not physically together."

Speed dial: "I call them once or twice a day."

Talk, talk, talk: "Besides errands or school requests, we usually tell each other that we miss each other. They love to call me asking me to come home already and that they miss me and love me so much."

Unforgettable conversation: "Early this year, I had this frustrating episode at work. I felt so bad and wanted to quit altogether. Then, the phone rang. It was my little girl. 'Mommie, you know what? Paolo: I love you. You're the best. You know I miss you so much. What time are you coming home?' That was priceless."

One thing I tell my kids every day: "Be safe, study hard, enjoy their day, be good to the people around them.... I love you!"

Tips for other parents: "Staying connected with your kids is very important.... It's communication. It's being able to share your thoughts and feelings that matters. That we will always be there for each other, no matter what."

Ultimate in unlimited

WHEN SMART Communications, Inc. (SMART) decided to offer SMARTALK to its ever-increasing number of subscribers, it only had one goal in mind—to provide the ultimate benefits in unlimited call service.

The country's leading wireless services provider, after all, has virtually all the means to make the unlimited call experience a truly valuable one. It has the widest distribution, the broadest coverage and the biggest number of subscribers—37 million and growing—in the Philippines.

SMARTALK allows SMART Buddy and SMART Gold subscribers unlimited number of voice calls within the network for only P500 for a 30-day period and a mere P100 for a five-day span.

"All these years that it has been acknowledged as the wireless leader in the country, SMART has tirelessly stayed on the cutting-edge in mobile services, keeping in step with global technological developments. And SMARTALK proves that once again," said SMART Chief Wireless Advisor Orlando B. Vea.

He added that the latest service innovation illustrates SMART's commitment to bringing to the most number of Filipinos



ORLY Vea

plans mobile users the benefits and advantages of wireless advancements, made possible by SMART's widest wireless distribution and coverage in the Philippines.

SMARTALK is the ultimate in unlimited calls, with its "nationwide" coverage giving subscribers peace of mind, knowing that SMART's signal is available wherever they go. According to Marketing Group Head for Smart, Annie Naval, "This service is perfect for users who have to make emergency calls. This is very important since limited or no service in certain areas simply renders worthless an unlimited call offer."



DANILO Mojica

Add to this the fact that SMART has the biggest subscriber base in the country, which provides subscribers with the real option for enjoying unlimited calls. Even with new friends and associates, the probability that they share membership in the SMART network or are thinking of getting on it is naturally high.

"Providing the best value for money is a corporate philosophy of SMART that guides our business decisions, driving us down all paths to make voice calls affordable and convenient for our millions of subscribers," said SMART Head of Wireless Consumer Division Danilo J. Mojica.

He pointed out that SMARTALK brings out the ultimate in unlimited calls for SMART users without the need for an additional SIM because the company's resources and network power enable it to deliver such a package.

With SMARTALK, there's no need to put up with hassles that arise from having two SIMs—like having to take one SIM out of a handset and putting in another when making a long call, or spending on another phone to hold the other SIM just to be able to make different kinds of calls.

A subscriber can call other SMART numbers and take calls from other SMARTALK users without having to fumble with SIMs, phones or numbers. It's all very simple, normal and natural.

SMART looks forward to providing every subscriber with the feeling of infinite satisfaction at the end of every unlimited SMARTALK call. This is the ultimate benefit SMART offers by giving unlimited on voice calls—value for money on time.

Talk therapy

Pick up that phone and start dialing

By Pam Pastor

"I felt hopeless, until I picked up the phone and called a friend. Talking really helped," said twenty-two-year-old Jessie.

It took a big heartbreak for Jessie to realize the importance of talk therapy.

While the mention of talk therapy gives a lot of people visions of a shrink and a couch, the truth is, talking to your friends and loved ones can be just as good—or maybe even better, since you aren't spilling your guts to a stranger.

TheHealthCenter.info describes talk therapy as "simply talking about what is bothering you. Talk therapy can be practiced with a friend or loved one, a family member, or a therapist. A person with a different perspective on your situation can help you decide how to fix the problems you are having and how to deal with the things you can't fix. Through discussion, you can find ways to handle your problems so that the same issues won't continually disrupt your life."

Sallynn Brooks of WebMD even wrote that "talk therapy is sometimes best for depression," citing a study that showed drugs aren't the only effective treatment in the battle against depression.

But depression shouldn't be the only reason for talking. Keeping your communication lines open with friends and family is healthy. According to Mental-health.org.uk, "Talking is an important part of our relationships. It can strengthen your ties with other people and help you stay in good mental health. And being listened to helps you feel that other people care about you and what you have to say."

So go ahead and talk. Talk to your mom about the salon you want to take her to. Talk to your dad about the great steak he cooked. Talk to your brother about a really funny YouTube video. Tell your cousin about that new guy you're going out with. Tell your old friend about another old friend's Facebook update. Tell a new friend stories from your childhood. Tell your boyfriend about the crazy dream you had last night.

However, there is also such a thing as talking too much. Remember, talking is good – but so is listening.

Top 10 chattiest people we know

By Nikko Mark M. Sabban

Rosebud Benitez

Drew Arellano



Tessa Prieto-Valdes

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Vicky Belo

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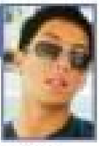
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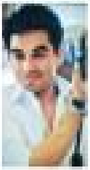
Are you the voice to the boys?

By Nikko Mark M. Sabban

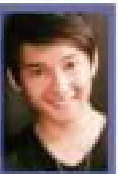


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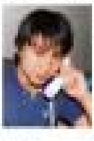
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When to call instead of text

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10 Ways to get a new BFF at the start of the School Year

By Ruby de Vera

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



Rhett vs Randy vs Rajo: Who won?

In the end, it was . . .

By Alex Y. Vergara


RANDY Ortiz


RAJO Laurel


RHETT Eala

Several coups

Ballet-inspired

Most applauded


SAMSUNG'S Ultra Touch


THE EVENING'S hosts Maurice Arcache, Tessa Prieto-Valdes and Tristan Gomez











Rhett vs Randy vs Rajo: Who won?





















LifeStyle Fashion & Beauty





How to age gracefully, the Lea Salonga way

The new face of Avon's Anew Rejuvenate sticks to skincare basics

By Irene C. Perez

FILIPINO ICON LEA SALONGA IS CONFIDENT, elegant, regal. But you'd be surprised how low-maintenance her beauty routine is.

"I wash my face, tone, moisturize. For skincare, I have a dermatologist I go to since I was 17," Salonga said. "I go to the salon for a trim, treatment and having my roots done since I have colored hair. That's pretty much it."

Salonga was an endorser of Avon cosmetics in the '90s. Now, at 38, she's back as the face behind Anew Rejuvenate—Avon's new line of anti-aging products that include Day and Night Revitalizing Cream, 24-hour Eye Cream, Flash Facial Revitalizing Concentrate, 2-in-1 Gel Cleanser and Mineral Toner.



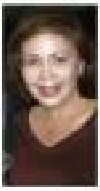












Guilly Rufino marks his birthday with Latin dance party

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



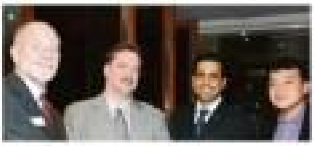
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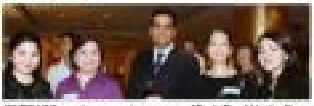




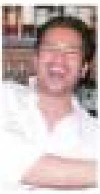


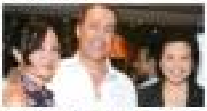


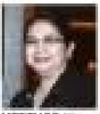




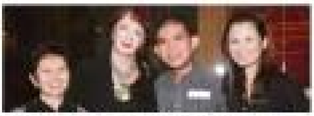


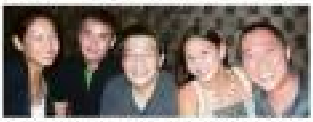












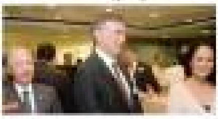












How to age gracefully, the Lea Salonga way

'Let your skin breathe'

Facial in a bottle

Costs less

Isabela center offers skin-rejuvenating treatments





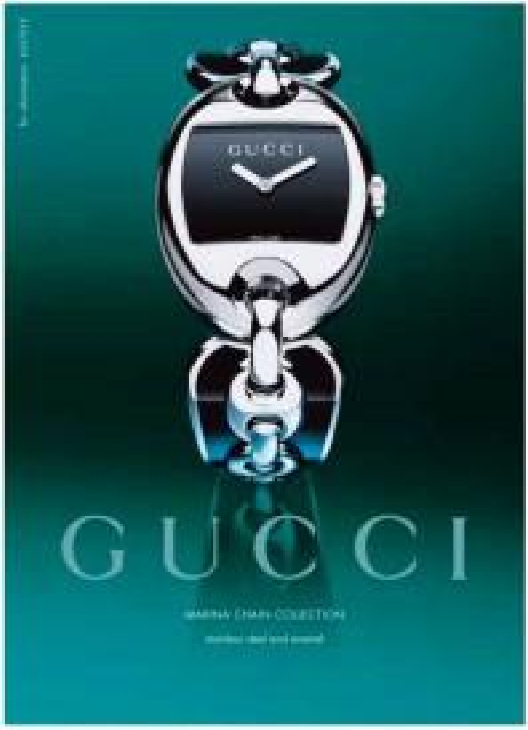
Underwear sale until June 30

Simple steps to radiant, sparkling skin

GOING BACK TO school is an opportunity to enjoy a fresh start, so brace yourself and make sure you look your best. With fairer skin, you can bring out a different, more beautiful you that will definitely make heads turn as you walk around the campus.



NIVEA Visage Sparkling White

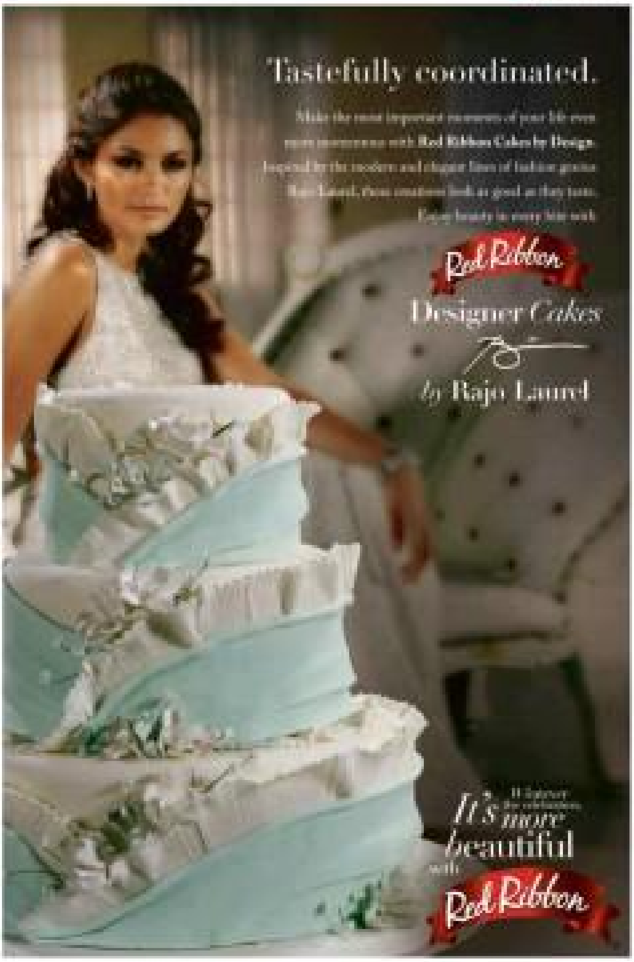


Delores Custer's food styling seminar to be held July 25



DELORES Custer

Judge



Marian Voyage of Peace starts today in Cagayan Valley

WHAT'S UP

Asiana flies daily to NYC

Brown Movement seminar

Freeway sale

Ensembles sale



LAURA Mercier's warm and exotic Bohemian look, underscored by bronzed skin, marine and desert-inspired shades for the lids, and sheer lip colors.

LIFESTYLE Fashion & Beauty



Matching your eye shadow with your outfit is a no-no

Know what's outdated, and the 4 steps of 'Flawless Face'

By Cheche V. Moral

IF YOU'RE ASIAN, SHOULD you skip the bronzer in your makeup routine? Do you match your eye color with your eye shadow, or your outfit with your eye makeup? If you have prominent pores and fine lines, do you junk shimmery makeup altogether?

The answer to all these is no, according to Sean Stevenson, the Chicago-based regional training manager of Laura Mercier cosmetics, in town last week to visit the brand's beauty counters and present the season's makeup collection.

"I learned here that Asian women tend to not wear bronzers," he said. "But then just put on foundation and you take out all the skin's natural color. Bronzer puts that back

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ISABEL Daza


MIKAELA Lagdameo-Martinez


BIANCA Roque


ROSANNA Ocampo


BIANCA Valerio

Makeup tips from stylish beauties

No amount of blush can ever replace one's inner glow

Karen Pamintuan, host


Kelly Misa

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Mikaela Lagdameo-Martinez, model

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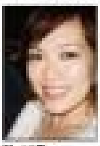
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Look young again with the right serum


Mariel Chua

Gene theory

At-home test

Results



Hydrofacial for 'poreless,' soft skin

MAKEOVER 911



All-in-one treatment

Blemish problems







State of the arch

A professional-looking eyebrow shape will transform your face. Here's how to do it right at home

By Melanie Cuevas
Contributor

Our eyebrows are the closest we get to a facial signature—just try imagining Brooke Shields or Frida Kahlo without their trademark pair. Eyebrows frame your face; the more groomed they are, the more lifted your face will look. While the trend for thin or thick brows changes frequently, one should think twice before plucking them into obscurity. In general, a thicker shape gives a younger look and draws more attention to your whole eye area, giving it more impact, not to mention that it's easier to maintain on your own than a severe shape. Tweak carefully before shaping them and follow these steps to perfectly groom your brows.

1. Hold a pencil parallel to the side of the bridge of your nose. The inner edge of your brows should start here.

2. To determine the highest point of your arch, place the base of the pencil at the center of your lips. Angle the pencil until it aligns with the outer edge of your iris.

3. Angle the pencil diagonally from your nostril to the outside corner of your eye. This is where your brow should end.

4. Mark the spots you just mapped out with an eyebrow pencil. Use concealer or any light-colored pencil to mask any stray brow hairs, then begin tweezing with slant-edge tweezers. Pull in the direction of your hair growth. Take your time and check your face every so often in the mirror after tweezing a few hairs to avoid any mishaps.

If your brows become red or irritated after tweezing, apply moisturizer or tea tree oil on the area to calm the skin.

Coloring tactics

1. A dramatic change in hair color requires altering your brow color as well. Go for the subtle approach though, as brows that match exactly may look fake. Some hair colorists can tint your brows as well, but for a less permanent option, use an eyebrow pencil or powder.

2. Fill up patchy brows or "bald" spots using an eyebrow pencil one shade lighter than your hair color and using feather movements to keep the effect natural. To keep the pencil from tugging your skin, roll the tip between your two fingertips—the warmth will soften the wax and make the color glide easily on the skin. Lightly brush matching shadow over the pencil for a long-lasting look, then blend, going over your brow several times with a brow brush.

Through thick and thin

Got tweezer-happy before a big night on town? These ingenious fixes can do the trick:

1. ModelCo More Brows: This gel formula contains hair-like fibers that instantly thicken your brows.

2. ModelCo Lash & Brow Growth Stimulator: this product will actually encourage brow hair growth, with its deep conditioning blend of vitamins and proteins.

Best tools: Brow Brush, P900, Shu Uemura; Tweezerman Slant-Edge Tweezers, P450, PCX; ModelCo Eyebrow Designer Brow Kit, P1,800, Beauty Bar; Clinique Eyebrow Cake, P495, Rustan's.

The author is the editor in chief of Look magazine.



THE JUNE issue of Look is now out in newsstands.



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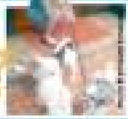
LIVING Stars

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

JAYANN BAUTISTA

A FRIEND GAVE ME MY HEALTHY CHOW CHOW. Jag is very active. When I get home, he runs to the door. He's not much of a guard dog, though; he's too friendly. We have five dogs: Mocha, a beagle; Primo and Baby, shih tzus; and the biggest, Chubi, my brother Mark's Labrador. Reynold Sian Diego Jr.

TAIL TALES



FAVORITE NOOKS



KATRINA HALILI

I'M REALLY A HOMEBODY. I'M NOT FOND OF going to clubs or bars when I'm not at work. I just like staying in my bedroom, watching DVDs, listening to my favorite music and reading fashion magazines. I also enjoy treating myself to facials at home. I spend most of my shopping money on massage machines, which I also use here. Marifel R. Cruz

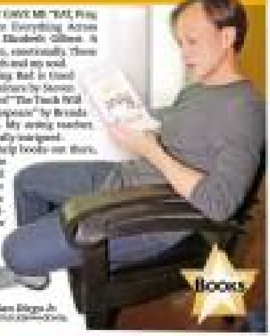
JON SANTOS

MY HUSBAND WEST STEWART GAVE ME "EAT, PRAY, LOVE: ONE WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR EVERYTHING ACROSS ITALY, INDIA AND INDONESIA" by Elizabeth Gilbert. It pretty much sums up where I am, emotionally. These days, I'm just feeding my stomach and my soul.

West also gave me "Everything Bad Is Good for You" — a book on popular culture by Steven Johnson. I'm looking for a copy of "The Truth Will Out: Unmasking the Real Shakespeare" by Brenda James and William Rubinstein. My acting teacher, Anna Lim, is reading it and is really intrigued.

I know there's a glut of self-help books out there, so I rely on friends to lead me to the good ones. My friend Cecil suggested "Stumbling Upon Happiness" by Daniel Gilbert, a professor who uses unconventional research in analyzing how people process "happiness" issues. And he did it with a witty writing style that's light and entertaining. It's a nice step in my journey. I enjoyed it immensely.

Reynold Sian Diego Jr.



BOOKS



The Real Causes of WOMEN'S HAIRLOSS

Hair can enhance or ruin a woman's appearance. Deemed her "crowning glory," thick, healthy, lush strands that frame a woman's face can emphasize her beauty and youth. On the contrary, hair loss can do the exact opposite. It can make a woman appear older and less attractive, which can cause low self-esteem, depression and isolation.

There are various triggers of women's baldness. Hormonal changes by far have the biggest impact since they stimulate hair growth and cause the actual hairloss. Female Pattern Baldness (or Androgenetic alopecia) is a reaction to male hormones in the body. It is an inherited sensitivity to the effects of male hormones (androgens) on scalp hair follicles.

Stress can also be a contributing factor to women's hairloss. This leads to a severe tension in the scalp, affecting the supply of essential nutrition required for the healthy growth of hair. Hair damage from the use of hair styling treatments and other chemicals also affects the hair condition, making the hair strands weak and causing them to break.

Svenson utilizes various treatments to help women avoid hairloss from occurring. In the case of hairloss that has already started, Svenson also has solutions to prevent it from progressing to more advanced hairloss. With Svenson, women not only get their hair back, they also look younger and better. Call Svenson today at 89-HAIR (4247)/234-8851 (Cebu) for a free consultation.

Castaway knows all about fragrances



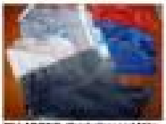












Diabetic Nick Jonas lobbies for research

STARS FOR OTHERS



Toast to the champ

PARTY! PARTY!







ENTERTAINMENT

'Please pass' the rage

OVERHEARD

Gitz, glam and gallstones

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Complicated

Charice show almost sold out

Indies lose first round to robots

DID YOU KNOW...

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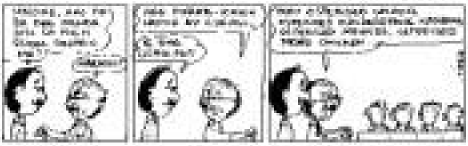
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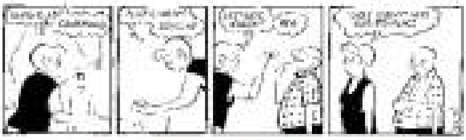


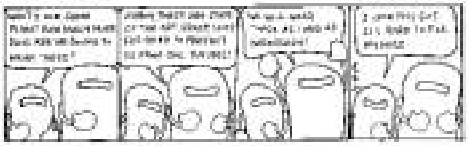
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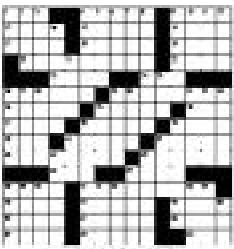
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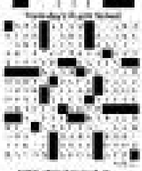






CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Shia: Megan Fox is a sweetheart





Only in Hollywood

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Youth and humor

Unconventional childhood

Hand injury

The Big 5

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